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TAGS:OVIP (SECRETARY CYRUS VANCE)

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S TRIP TO MIDDLE EAST

1. SEPTTEL WILL CONTAIN INSTRUCTIONS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR SECRETARY'S VISIT. THIS MESSAGE DEALS WITH SCHEDULING AND RELATED QUESTIONS. SECRETARY WISHES TO FOLLOW HOST GOVERNMENT'S PREFERENCES, BUT IN WORKING OUT DETAILS YOU SHOULD BE GUIDED BY AND SEEK ARRANGEMENTS CONFORMING TO FOLLOWING WHERE POSSIBLE.

2. SECRETARY WISHES TO BEGIN EACH VISIT BY MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR AND SUCH KEY AMERICAN PERSONNEL OF MISSION AS
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YOU CONSIDER DESIRABLE. EMPHASIS SHOULD BE ON KEEPING MEETINGS SMALL, BUT PRECISE COMPOSITION IS LEFT TO YOUR DISCRETION. PURPOSE IS TO HEAR FROM YOU WHAT YOU CONSIDER IT IS MOST ESSENTIAL SECRETARY HAVE IN MIND BEFORE HE MEETS HOST GOVERNMENT LEADERS. YOU MAY WISH TO DO THIS ALONE, OR IN GROUP, OR IN PART ALONE AND IN PART WITH OTHER KEY MISSIONOFFICERS PRESENT. LENGTH OF MEETING AND LOCA-

TION WILL DEPEND ON LOCAL SCHEDULE AND SITUATION, BUT YOU SHOULD AIM AT NOT LONGER THAN ONE HOUR (SHORTER IF POSSIBLE) AND IN MOST SECURE POSSIBLE LOCATION (CHANCERY OR RESIDENCE IS PREFERABLE BUT WE REALIZE THIS WILL NOT BE PRACTICAL IN EVERY CASE - E.G., JERUSALEM, RIYADH, AND BEIRUT -

MAY BE DIFFICULT AT OTHER POSTS AS WELL).

3. SECRETARY WANTS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK BRIEFLY (I.E., ABOUT 10 MINUTES) TO AMERICAN STAFF OF MISSION AT SOME POINT DURING VISIT. WE RECOGNIZE THAT ONLY SELECTED MISSION PERSONNEL WILL BE PRESENT IN JERUSALEM, RIYADH AND BEIRUT.

4. RE MEETINGS WITH HOST GOVERNMENT LEADERS, SECRETARY WANTS TO EMPHASIZE WORKING MEETINGS AND MEALS, AND MINIMIZE PROTOCOL FUNCTIONS, BUT WILL DEFER TO HOSTS IF THEY ATTACH IMPORTANCE TO A LARGER SOCIAL DINNER, FOR EXAMPLE. IN ANY EVENT, HE HOPES THERE WILL BE NO NEED FOR BLACK TIE FUNCTIONS. RE ACCOMMODATIONS, SECRETARY WILL ACCEPT HOSPITALITY OF HOST GOVERNMENTS IF OFFERED BUT OTHERWISE PREFERS STAY AT HOTEL WITH REST OF PARTY. SINCE EMPHASIS OF SECRETARY'S VISIT IS ON DISCUSSIONS WITH LEADERSHIP OF COUNTRIES VISITED, AND SINCE TIME WILL BE SHORT AT EACH STOP, SECRETARY PREFERS THAT LOCAL SIGHTSEEING AND SIDE-TRIPS NOT BE SCHEDULED.

5. SECRETARY ATTACHES PRINCIPAL IMPORTANCE TO HAVING MAXIMUM TIME FOR MEETINGS WITH PM RABIN, PRESIDENTS SADAT
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AND ASAD, KING HUSSEIN, PRINCE FAHD, AND PRESIDENT SARKIS. HE IS OF COURSE PREPARED FOR SEPARATE MEETINGS WITH FOREIGN MINISTERS AS LOCAL PROTOCOL DICTATES, AND WE ASSUME THIS WILL BE PARTICULARLY DESIRABLE IN CASE OF FOREIGN MINISTER FAHMY. IN ADDITION, HE WOULD OF COURSE WANT TO PAY RESPECTS TO KING KHALID.

6. FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF SEPTTEL ON ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS REFERRED TO IN PARA 1, YOU SHOULD CONSULT URGENTLY WITH HOST GOVERNMENTS AND SUBMIT PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR APPROVAL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. VANCE

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